### MRF Overview

**Sections included in ad hoc review. Check all that apply.**

- [ ] None
- [ ] Search
- [ ] 35 U.S.C. 112(f) Analysis
- [ ] Allowable Subject Matter
- [ ] Interview
- [ ] Restriction/Election of Species
- [ ] Reply to Applicant
- [ ] Finality
- [ ] Reply to After-Final Response
- [ ] Other Issues / Accolades / Additional Comments

**Rejections made in Office action. Check all that apply.**

- [ ] None
- [ ] 35 U.S.C. 102
- [ ] 35 U.S.C. 103
- [ ] 35 U.S.C. 112(a) – Written Description
- [ ] 35 U.S.C. 112(a) – Enablement
- [ ] 35 U.S.C. 112(b) – Vague and Indefinite Claim Language
- [ ] 35 U.S.C. 112(a)/(b) – 112(f) Related
- [ ] 35 U.S.C. 101 (Eligibility)
- [ ] 35 U.S.C. 101 (Utility)
- [ ] Double Patenting (Statutory)
- [ ] Double Patenting (Nonstatutory)
- [ ] Other Rejection(s)

**Were there any omitted rejections? Check all that apply.**

- [ ] None
- [ ] 35 U.S.C. 102
- [ ] 35 U.S.C. 103
- [ ] 35 U.S.C. 112(a) – Written Description
- [ ] 35 U.S.C. 112(a) – Enablement
- [ ] 35 U.S.C. 112(b) – Vague and Indefinite Claim Language
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- [ ] Other Omitted Rejection(s)
# Search

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Comments (document search strategy and/or provide any comments that may aid the examiner in the future):
# 102 Rejections Made

## Correctness

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**Correctness Comments:**

## Clarity

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**Clarity Comments:**
102 Rejections Omitted

Give a thorough description of the proposed 35 U.S.C. 102 rejection(s) that should have been made:

Type of prior art for the omitted rejection is (check all that apply):
- US Patent
- PG Pub
- Foreign Patent or Published Application
- NPL
- Other

Prior art for the omitted rejection was found using/in:
- Internet Search
- IDS
- PALM Inventor Name
- 892
- International Search Report (ISR)
- Classification Search
- Text Search
- Other

Is another prior art rejection, either under 35 U.S.C. 102 or 103 and determined to be in compliance, applied against every claim addressed by the omitted rejection above?
- Yes
- No

Comments:
# 103 Rejections Made

## Correctness

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**Correctness Comments:**
## 103 Rejections Made (con’t)

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**Clarity Comments:**
### 103 Rejections Omitted

**Give a thorough description of the proposed 35 U.S.C. 103 rejection(s) that should have been made:**

**Type of prior art for the omitted rejection is (check all that apply):**
- [ ] US Patent
- [ ] PG Pub
- [ ] Foreign Patent or Published Application
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- [ ] Other

**Is another prior art rejection, either under 35 U.S.C. 102 or 103 and determined to be in compliance, applied against every claim addressed by the omitted rejection above?**
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**Comments:**

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*Updated 6/15/2017*
### Correctness

Overall, were the 35 U.S.C. 112(a) Written Description rejection(s) in compliance?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] In-Part
- [ ] No

Amended or newly added claim limitations rejected as including new matter were properly identified as not having support in the original disclosure?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] In-Part
- [ ] No
- [ ] N/A

Does the claim interpretation appear to be reasonable?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] In-Part
- [ ] No
- [ ] N/A

Original disclosure fails to describe claimed invention in sufficient detail for one skilled in the art to conclude the inventor was in possession of the claimed invention (non-new matter situations)?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] In-Part
- [ ] No
- [ ] N/A

Does the claim interpretation appear to be reasonable?
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] In-Part
- [ ] No
- [ ] N/A

Correctness Comments:

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### Clarity

Overall, how was the clarity of the 35 U.S.C. 112(a) Written Description rejection(s)?
- [ ] Above Average
- [ ] Average
- [ ] Below Average

The Office action clearly explained the lack of written description (i.e., the rejection identified the claim limitation(s) that lack(s) written description support and explained what is lacking in the specification).
- [ ] Above Average
- [ ] Average
- [ ] Below Average
- [ ] N/A

The Office action contained clear suggestions to overcome rejections.
- [ ] Above Average
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- [ ] Below Average
- [ ] N/A

Clarity Comments:
## 112(a) Enablement Rejections Made

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**Clarity Comments:**
112(a) Rejections Omitted (WD and/or Enablement)

**Omitted 35 U.S.C. 112(a) Enablement Rejection(s)**

Give a thorough description of the proposed rejection(s) that should have been made:

Comments:

**Omitted 35 U.S.C. 112(a) Written Description Rejection(s)**

Give a thorough description of the proposed rejection(s) that should have been made:

Is the omitted 35 U.S.C. 112(a) written description rejection based on the addition of new matter?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

Comments:
## 112(b) Vague/Indefinite Rejections Made

### Correctness

Overall, were the 35 U.S.C. 112(b) Vague/Indefinite rejection(s) in compliance?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] In-Part
- [ ] No

Basis for determination that 35 U.S.C. 112(b) rejection(s) was incorrect (check all that apply):

- [ ] Broadth versus indefiniteness was incorrectly interpreted
- [ ] Relative terminology was incorrectly identified/rejected
- [ ] Ranges and amounts limitations in the claim(s) that are vague and indefinite were incorrectly rejected (e.g., ranges set forth in dependent claims are not within the scope of the independent claim)
- [ ] Exemplary language in the claim(s) was incorrectly identified/rejected as being vague and indefinite (e.g., “for example,” “such as,” etc.)
- [ ] Lack of antecedent basis was incorrectly rejected
- [ ] Functional language was incorrectly rejected
- [ ] Alternative limitations (e.g., a Markush group) were incorrectly rejected
- [ ] Other

**Correctness Comments:**

### Clarity

Overall, how was the clarity of the 35 U.S.C. 112(b) Vague/Indefinite rejection(s)?

- [ ] Above Average
- [ ] Average
- [ ] Below Average

The rejection(s) clearly state which limitation(s) does not meet 35 U.S.C. 112(b).

- [ ] Above Average
- [ ] Average
- [ ] Below Average

The rejection(s) clearly provided rationale as to why the claim(s) does not meet 35 U.S.C. 112(b).

- [ ] Above Average
- [ ] Average
- [ ] Below Average
- [ ] N/A

The Office action contained clear suggestions to overcome rejections.

- [ ] Above Average
- [ ] Average
- [ ] Below Average
- [ ] N/A

**Clarity Comments:**

*Updated 6/15/2017*
112(b) Vague/Indefinite Rejections Omitted

Reasons for indefiniteness rejection(s) (check all that apply):

☐ Relative Terminology — Terms of degree in the claim(s)
☐ Relative Terminology — Subjective terms in the claim(s)
☐ Numerical ranges and amounts limitations in the claim(s)
☐ Exemplary language in the claim(s) (e.g., “for example,” “such as,” etc.)
☐ Lack of antecedent basis
☐ Improper alternative limitations (e.g., an improper Markush group)
☐ Misdescriptive language
☐ Other (Describe below)

Give a thorough description of the proposed rejection(s) that should have been made:

Comments:
# 112(a)/(b), 112(f)-Related Rejections Made

## Correctness

Overall, were the 35 U.S.C. 112(a)/(b), 112(f)-related rejection(s) in compliance?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] In-Part  
- [ ] No

### 35 U.S.C. 112(b) Rejection(s) — 112(f) Related

35 U.S.C. 112(b) rejection(s) are correct on the basis that there is no or insufficient disclosure of corresponding structure, material, or acts for performing the function recited in a claim limitation invoking 35 U.S.C. 112(f)?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] In-Part  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] N/A

Do the insufficiently supported functions require a computer-related algorithm?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] In-Part  
- [ ] No

35 U.S.C. 112(b) rejection(s) are correct on the basis that it is unclear if the claim(s) invoke 35 U.S.C. 112(f)?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] In-Part  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] N/A

### 35 U.S.C. 112(a) Rejection(s) — 112(f) Related

35 U.S.C. 112(a) rejection(s) are reasonable on the basis that the claim is a single means claim?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] In-Part  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] N/A

35 U.S.C. 112(a) rejection(s) related to a 35 U.S.C. 112(b) rejection are reasonable on the basis that the original disclosure fails to describe the claimed invention in sufficient detail so that one skilled in the art can conclude that the inventor was in possession of the claimed invention?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] In-Part  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] N/A

**Correctness Comments:**

## Clarity

Overall, how was the clarity of the 35 U.S.C. 112(a)/(b), 112(f)-related rejection(s)?  
- [ ] Above Average  
- [ ] Average  
- [ ] Below Average

The 112(b) or 112(a) rejection was clearly explained.  
- [ ] Above Average  
- [ ] Average  
- [ ] Below Average  
- [ ] N/A

The Office action contained clear suggestions to overcome rejections.  
- [ ] Above Average  
- [ ] Average  
- [ ] Below Average  
- [ ] N/A

**Clarity Comments:**

Updated 6/15/2017
112(a)/(b), 112(f)-Related Rejections Omitted

Reasons for 35 U.S.C. 112(a)/(b), 112(f)-related rejection(s) (check all that apply):

☐ 35 U.S.C. 112(b) Rejection(s) — 112(f) Related:

☐ There should be a 35 U.S.C. 112(b) rejection on the basis that 35 U.S.C. 112(f) is invoked and there is no or insufficient disclosure of corresponding structure, material, or acts for performing the claimed function.

☐ There should be a 35 U.S.C. 112(b) rejection addressing the absence of a corresponding algorithm for computer-implemented means-plus-function limitations.

☐ There should be a 35 U.S.C. 112(b) rejection addressing the inadequacy of a corresponding algorithm for computer-implemented means-plus-function limitations.

☐ There should be a 35 U.S.C. 112(b) rejection on the basis that 35 U.S.C. 112(f) is invoked and the supporting disclosure fails to clearly link or associate the disclosed structure, material, or acts to the claimed function.

☐ There should be a 35 U.S.C. 112(b) rejection on the basis that it is unclear whether a claim limitation invokes 35 U.S.C. 112(f).

35 U.S.C. 112(a) Rejection(s) — 112(f) Related:

☐ There should be a 35 U.S.C. 112(a) rejection on the basis that the claim is a single means claim.

☐ There should be a 35 U.S.C. 112(a) rejection related to 35 U.S.C. 112(b) rejection on the basis that the original disclosure fails to describe the claimed invention in sufficient detail so that one skilled in the art can conclude that the inventor was in possession of the claimed invention (e.g., “unbounded functional limitations”).

Give a thorough description of the proposed rejection(s) that should have been made:

Comments:
101 Eligibility Rejections Made

Basis for 35 U.S.C. 101 Eligibility rejection (check all that apply):

- Transitory signal (e.g., Computer Readable Medium with a BRI that encompasses a transitory signal)
- Software per se
- Human Organism
- Law of Nature (e.g., naturally occurring correlations) without significantly more claimed
- Natural Phenomenon (e.g., wind) without significantly more claimed
- Product of Nature (e.g., isolated DNA) without significantly more claimed
- Abstract Idea (e.g., fundamental economic practices, certain methods of organizing human activities, idea itself (standing alone), or mathematical relationships/formulas) without significantly more claimed
- Other (e.g., "information", "use claim", or "data per se")

Correctness

Overall, were the 35 U.S.C. 101 Eligibility rejection(s) in compliance?

- Yes
- In Part
- No

Does the claim interpretation appear to be reasonable?

- Yes
- In Part
- No
- N/A

Correctness Comments:

Clarity

Overall, how was the clarity of the 35 U.S.C. 101 Eligibility rejection(s)?

- Above Average
- Average
- Below Average

The bases for rejection(s) were clearly explained.

- Above Average
- Average
- Below Average

Is the rejection based on a failure to recite a statutory category?

- Yes
- In Part
- No

Is the rejection based on a judicial exception?

- Yes
- In Part
- No

The judicial exception was identified.

- Above Average
- Average
- Below Average

The rejection identified specific claim(s) and its limitation(s) that recite(s) the judicial exception.

- Above Average
- Average
- Below Average

There was an explanation as to why it is a judicial exception.

- Above Average
- Average
- Below Average

Any additional elements were identified.

- Above Average
- Average
- Below Average

There was an explanation as to why any additional elements, if present, are not significantly more.

- Above Average
- Average
- Below Average
- N/A

If the judicial exception was a product of nature, there was an explanation as to why it does not include markedly different characteristics.

- Above Average
- Average
- Below Average
- N/A

The Office action contained clear suggestions to overcome the rejection.

- Above Average
- Average
- Below Average
- N/A

Clarity Comments:
# 101 Utility Rejections Made

## Correctness

Overall, were the 35 U.S.C. 101 Utility rejection(s) in compliance?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] In-Part  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] N/A

Does the claim interpretation appear to be reasonable?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] In-Part  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] N/A

Correctness Comments:  

## Clarity

Overall, how was the clarity of the 35 U.S.C. 101 Utility rejection(s)?  
- [ ] Above Average  
- [ ] Average  
- [ ] Below Average

The bases for rejections were clearly explained.  
- [ ] Above Average  
- [ ] Average  
- [ ] Below Average

The Office action contained clear suggestions to overcome rejections.  
- [ ] Above Average  
- [ ] Average  
- [ ] Below Average  
- [ ] N/A

Clarity Comments:  

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101 Rejections Omitted

35 U.S.C. 101 (Eligibility) Rejection(s)

Basis (check all that apply):

- [ ] Transitory signal (e.g., Computer Readable Medium with a BRI that encompasses a transitory signal)
- [ ] Software per se
- [ ] Human Organism
- [ ] Law of Nature (e.g., naturally occurring correlations) without significantly more claimed
- [ ] Natural Phenomenon (e.g., wind) without significantly more claimed
- [ ] Product of Nature (e.g., isolated DNA) without significantly more claimed
- [ ] Abstract idea (e.g., fundamental economic practices, certain methods of organizing human activities, idea itself (standing alone), or mathematical relationships/formulas) without significantly more claimed
- [ ] Other (e.g., "information" or "data per se")

Give a thorough description of the proposed rejection(s) that should have been made:

Comments:

35 U.S.C. 101 (Utility) Rejection(s)

Give a thorough description of the proposed rejection(s) that should have been made:

Comments:
Double Patenting (Statutory) Rejections Made

Correctness

Overall, were the Statutory Double Patenting rejection(s) in compliance?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] In-Part  
- [x] No  
- [ ] N/A

Does the claim interpretation appear to be reasonable?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] In-Part  
- [x] No  
- [ ] N/A

Correctness Comments:  

Clarity

Overall, how was the clarity of the Statutory Double Patenting rejection(s)?  
- [ ] Above Average  
- [ ] Average  
- [ ] Below Average  
- [ ] N/A

Rejected claims were properly identified and matched.  
- [ ] Above Average  
- [ ] Average  
- [ ] Below Average  
- [ ] N/A

The interpretation that the claims are of the ‘same scope’ was clearly explained.  
- [ ] Above Average  
- [ ] Average  
- [ ] Below Average  
- [ ] N/A

The Office action contained clear suggestions to overcome rejections.  
- [ ] Above Average  
- [ ] Average  
- [ ] Below Average  
- [ ] N/A

Clarity Comments:  

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# Double Patenting (Nonstatutory) Rejections Made

## Correctness

What types of rejections were made? Check all that apply.

- [ ] Anticipatory type
- [ ] Obviousness type
- [ ] Schneller type

Overall, were the Nonstatutory Double Patenting rejection(s) in compliance?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] In-Part
- [ ] No

Was it an incorrect Schneller type of rejection?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] In-Part
- [ ] No

Does the claim interpretation appear to be reasonable?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] In-Part
- [ ] No
- [ ] N/A

Analyzed under the correct standard (e.g., anticipatory or obviousness)?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] In-Part
- [ ] No
- [ ] N/A

If obviousness standard was applied, was Graham v. John Deere Co. analysis performed?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] In-Part
- [ ] No
- [ ] N/A

Specification is appropriately depended on without bringing in unclaimed features?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] In-Part
- [ ] No
- [ ] N/A

Secondary reference correctly combined when necessary?

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] In-Part
- [ ] No
- [ ] N/A

Correctness Comments:


## Clarity

Overall, how was the clarity of the Nonstatutory Double Patenting rejection(s)?

- [ ] Above Average
- [ ] Average
- [ ] Below Average

The statement of obviousness was clearly explained.

- [ ] Above Average
- [ ] Average
- [ ] Below Average
- [ ] N/A

The Graham v. John Deere Co. analysis was clearly explained.

- [ ] Above Average
- [ ] Average
- [ ] Below Average
- [ ] N/A

Anticipatory analysis was clearly explained (e.g., genus/species).

- [ ] Above Average
- [ ] Average
- [ ] Below Average
- [ ] N/A

The Schneller analysis was clearly explained.

- [ ] Above Average
- [ ] Average
- [ ] Below Average
- [ ] N/A

The Office action contained clear suggestions to overcome rejections.

- [ ] Above Average
- [ ] Average
- [ ] Below Average
- [ ] N/A

Clarity Comments:


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# Double Patenting Rejections Omitted

**Omitted Double Patenting — Nonstatutory Rejection(s)**

Check all that apply:
* ☐ Nonstatutory Rejection
* ☐ Provisional Nonstatutory Rejection
* ☐ Anticipatory type
* ☐ Obviousness type

Give a thorough description of the proposed rejection(s) that should have been made:

Prior art for the omitted rejection was found using/in:
* ☐ Internet Search
* ☐ IDS
* ☐ PALM Inventor Name
* ☐ 892
* ☐ International Search Report (ISR)
* ☐ Classification Search
* ☐ Text Search
* ☐ Other

Comments:

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**Omitted Double Patenting — Statutory Rejection(s)**

Check all that apply:
* ☐ Statutory
* ☐ Provisional Statutory

Give a thorough description of the proposed rejection(s) that should have been made:

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* ☐ Classification Search
* ☐ Text Search
* ☐ Other

Comments:
Reply to Applicant

Were applicant’s rejection-related arguments addressed in the Office action (whether examiner’s position was correct or not) including arguments with respect to art still relied upon?

☐ Yes  ☐ In-Part  ☐ No  ☐ N/A

Comments:
Finality

Was the finality of the Office action proper (prosecution closed)?

- Yes  
- No

Indicate the reason(s) (check all that apply):

- New grounds of rejection(s) not necessitated by amendment
- The Office action is a first action final after RCE, however, an Advisory Action was mailed including an indication that proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection would not be entered because they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search
- Other

Comments:
**Reply to After-Final Response**

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**Check all that apply:**

| ○ The examiner clearly indicated which, if any, rejections have been overcome |    |    |
| ○ The examiner clearly indicated the status of the claim(s) for the purposes of appeal |    |    |
| ○ None of the above |    |    |

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**Comments:**


Other Rejections Made

Specify the type of other rejection(s) that was (were) made, e.g., 112(d):

Overall, were the other rejection(s) in compliance?

- Yes
- In-Part
- No

Based on the current compliance standard guidelines, this incorrect rejection is flagged as:

- For Consideration
- Non-Compliant

Overall, how was the clarity of the other rejection(s)?

- Above Average
- Average
- Below Average

Comments:
Other Rejections Omitted

Give a thorough description of any other rejection(s) that should have been made:

Specify the type of other rejection(s) that was (were) made, e.g., 112(d):

Based on the current compliance standard guidelines, this omitted rejection is flagged as:  
☐ For Consideration  ☐ Non-Compliant
### 112(f) Analysis

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Comments:
### Other Quality-Related Items

#### Allowable Subject Matter

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#### Restrictions/Election of Species

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If the requirement for restriction/election of species was traversed by applicant, did the examiner appropriately reply to the reasons or arguments advanced by applicant in the traverse? 

Comments: [blank]
### Other Quality-Related Items (con’t)

#### Interview

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Comments:

#### Other Issues

Are there any other issues not described elsewhere? If so, indicate the type of issue(s) and describe them below.

Comments:

#### Accolades

Where office action (or the work examiner displays in the application as a whole) demonstrates (check all that apply):

- N/A
- Technical analysis
- Legal analysis
- Clarity
- Customer service
- Responses to arguments
- Reasons for allowance
- Interview thoroughness
- Other (describe below)

Accolade Comments:

#### Additional Comments

Additional Review Comments:

#### Review Circumstances

Please describe any circumstances about the review performed that affect the scope of responses provided.